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Serbo-Croat in addition to his own language and is interested in the study of chemistry. He is respected by other Albanians in Trieste, being considered by them as their leader and spokesman, although here only a short time. [redacted] is an avid reader of all newspapers and listens regularly to the radio for news of Albania. He believes the most important event of the past year was the disappearance of General BALLUKU who, he thinks, has been killed and that Liri BELISHOVA is again acting as a member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party.

[redacted] In only one zone, the Merdita region, is there any organization sufficiently equipped to be able to carry out effective resistance to the regime.

In Yugoslavia for four years, [redacted] contacts with recent escapees from Albania were extremely limited. He says it is easier to meet Albanians than Bulgarians, who are kept segregated in special camps for long periods of time before they are allowed any freedom of movement in Yugoslavia.

As an Albanian nationalist, [redacted] is disturbed about the Greek-Yugoslav friendship pact. He thinks that Yugoslavia is desirous of annexing Albanian territory near Shkoder, and he is convinced that the Greeks desire all of south Albania. The Greek attitude on the question of northern Epirus is of value for propaganda purposes. [redacted] the spirit of anticommunism in Albania as the spirit of vendetta. Many people believe that the best way to eliminate communism in Albania is to kill all the communists and their families. Should there be a popular uprising in Albania, he would expect a great deal of bloodshed unless another power intervened.

Among the anticommunist population, Zog finds support in the older generation, while the younger people look to the Albanian National Committee.

cc Belgrade

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